

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 6664, An Act Managing Waste and Creating a Waste Authority

Submitted by Cyril John May for 2/27/2023 Environment Committee Hearing

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Dear Committee Members,

As a sustainability professional with more than 30 years assisting Connecticut municipalities and institutions in reducing waste and saving money through recycling, I write to voice my full support for the Governor's Bill 6664, An Act Managing Waste and Creating a Waste Authority.

Through its various measures this bill will assist our state as a whole, and individual municipalities, address the growing waste crisis. It will create an Extended Producer Responsibility financial platform that will reimburse municipalities for much of their disposal costs via compensation by producers. Despite words offered to suggest this EPR framework is onerous to municipalities by naysayers, it is a godsend. Millions of dollars will be saved and incentives will be created to encourage producers to create lower waste/more recyclable packaging. This is a win-win.

The other aspects of the bill will further our progress to reducing financial and environmental costs from waste. Pursuing organics collection and other steps will help Connecticut retake its role as a leader in waste management.

Please support this legislation.

Thank you!

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